

[No. 4.] Joint Resolution Regulating the distribution of public documents.

March 25, 1897.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time allowed members of the Fifty-fourth Congress to distribute public documents now to their credit or the credit of their respective districts or States, in the Government Printing Office, the Interior Department, the Navy Department, or any other Department or Bureau, and to present the names of libraries, public institutions, and individuals to receive such documents, be, and the same is hereby, extended to December first, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven; and the time for such distribution by members of Congress, who have been or may hereafter be reelected, shall continue during their successive terms and until their right to frank documents shall cease.*

Documents.  
Time extended for distributing, by members Fifty-fourth Congress, members elect, etc.

Approved, March 25, 1897.

[No. 5.] Joint Resolution Amending a Joint Resolution continuing in force section two of the Act approved June third, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, entitled "An Act to repeal section sixty-one of 'An Act to reduce taxation, to provide revenue for the Government, and for other purposes,'" which became a law August twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four.

March 26, 1897.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a Joint Resolution, approved January eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, continuing in force section two of the Act approved June third, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, entitled "An Act to repeal section sixty-one of 'An Act to reduce taxation, to provide revenue for the Government, and for other purposes,'" which became a law August twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, be amended so that it shall read as follows:*

Alcohol in the arts.  
Committee to investigate, continued.  
Vol. 29, p. 697.  
Vol. 29, p. 195.  
Vol. 28, p. 567.

*"That the provisions of section two of the Act approved June third, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, entitled 'An Act to repeal section sixty-one of 'An Act to reduce taxation, to provide revenue for the Government, and for other purposes,'" which became a law August twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, be, and they are hereby, continued in force, and the joint select committee heretofore appointed under said section shall, when they have reached a final conclusion, report the same to Congress not later than ten days after the beginning of its next December session; together with such information as they shall have obtained."*

Report.

Approved, March 26, 1897.

[No. 6.] Joint Resolution Making appropriation for the improvement of the Mississippi River from the Head of the Passes to the mouth of the Ohio River, and to supply deficiencies in appropriations for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

March 31, 1897.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars be, and is hereby, appropriated, and immediately made available, for the improvement of the Mississippi River from the Head of the Passes to the mouth of the Ohio River, and expended according to the provisions of the Act "Making appropriations for the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes," which became a law on June third, eighteen hundred and ninety-six.*

Mississippi River.  
Appropriation for, from Head of Passes to mouth of Ohio River, immediately available.  
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To be deducted, etc.	SEC. 2. That the sum herein appropriated be deducted from the sum of two million five hundred and eighty-three thousand three hundred and thirty-three dollars authorized to be appropriated and expended for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, by the provisions of said act of June third, eighteen hundred and ninety-six.
Deficiency appropriations.	SEC. 3. That to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated the following sums, namely:
Treasury Department.	TREASURY DEPARTMENT.
Collecting customs revenue.	To defray the expenses of collecting the revenue from customs being additional to the permanent appropriation for this purpose, for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, one million one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.
Department of Justice.	DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.
Printing and binding.	For printing and binding, six thousand dollars.
House of Representatives.	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
Miscellaneous items, etc.	For miscellaneous items and expenses of special and select committees, twenty thousand dollars.
Stationery.	For stationery for Members of the House of Representatives, two hundred and fifty dollars.
Folding materials.	For wrapping paper, pasteboard, paste, twine, newspaper wrappers, and other necessary materials for folding, for the use of Members of the House, and for use in the Clerk's office and the House folding room (not including envelopes, writing paper, and other paper and materials to be printed and furnished by the Public Printer, upon requisitions from the Clerk of the House, under the provisions of the Act approved January twelfth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, for the public printing and binding), three thousand dollars.
Vol. 23, p. 606.	
Clerk hire, members and delegates.	To pay Members and Delegates from March fourth to June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, inclusive, the amount they certify they have paid or agreed to pay for clerk hire necessarily employed by them in the discharge of their official and representative duties, as provided in the joint resolution approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, during the session of Congress, and when Congress is not in session as provided in House resolution passed May eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, one hundred and forty thousand five hundred and eighteen dollars and eighty cents, or so much thereof as may be necessary; and Representatives and Delegates elect to Congress whose credentials in due form of law have been duly filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, in accordance with the provisions of section thirty-one of the Revised Statutes of the United States, shall be entitled to payment under this appropriation.
Vol. 27, p. 757.	
Members, etc., elect.	
R. S., sec. 31, p. 6.	
Executive Mansion.	EXECUTIVE MANSION.
Refurnishing.	For refurnishing the Executive Mansion, three thousand eight hundred and seventy-five dollars, to be expended by contract or otherwise, as the President may determine.
Repairs, etc.	For repairs to the roof of the Executive Mansion, one thousand dollars.
	Approved, March 31, 1897.

[No. 7.] Joint Resolution Making the appropriation for renewal of the patrol system of the District of Columbia immediately available.

April 7, 1897.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the appropriation of five thousand dollars for "Renewal of portions of the patrol system," contained in "An Act making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the Government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and for other purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, is hereby made immediately available.*

District of Columbia.  
New patrol boxes.  
Vol. 29, p. 678.  
Immediately available.

Approved, April 7, 1897.

[No. 8.] Joint Resolution Authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to transport contributions for the relief of the suffering poor in India.

April 7, 1897.

Whereas a famine exists in India which is daily causing thousands of deaths among the poor, which famine can readily be relieved from the surplus products of other parts of the world; and

Preamble.

Whereas generous people of the United States in different States are freely giving wheat, flour, and corn for the relief of the famishing inhabitants in India: Therefore, be it

Famine in India.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to employ and place at the disposal of the collector of the port of New York any ship or vessel belonging to the Navy of the United States best adapted for such service for the purpose of transporting to the famishing poor of India such contributions as may be made for their relief, or to charter and employ under the authority of the United States a suitable American steamship or vessel, with a cargo capacity of two thousand to four thousand tons, for the same purpose. Any sum of money which may be necessary to carry out the object of this resolution is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.*

Secretary of Navy to furnish ship to convey relief.

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Approved, April 7, 1897.

[No. 9.] Joint Resolution Authorizing the Secretary of War to use rations for the relief of destitute persons in the district overflowed by the Mississippi River and its tributaries and by the Red River of the North, and making an appropriation to relieve the sufferers by said overflow.

April 7, 1897.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of two hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended by and under the direction of the Secretary of War in the purchase and distribution of subsistence stores to such destitute persons as may require assistance in the district overflowed by the Mississippi River and its tributaries and by the Red River of the North, by the recent floods. And the Secretary of War is authorized to use the steamers and other boats and vessels belonging to or now employed by the Government upon the Mississippi River and its tributaries in the transportation and distribution of the supplies furnished by the United States or individuals to and among said destitute and suffering people, and he may employ such other means of transportation as he may deem necessary to carry the purpose of this Joint Resolution into effect.*

Mississippi River, floods.  
Appropriation for relief of sufferers.  
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